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TAGS: OVIP (CROWN PRINCE HASSAN)
SUBJECT: POINTS HASSAN LIKELY TO MAKE DURING HIS VISIT

1. WHILE IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO PREDICT WHAT POINTS CROWN PRINCE HASSAN WILL BRING WITH HIM ON THE VISIT, RECENT DISCUSSIONS, AND A PRIVATE PAPER HANDED TO US, PROVIDE SOME THEMES WHICH SEEM TO BE ON HIS MIND. THESE ARE A COMBINATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS. PARAGRAPHS BELOW SUMMARIZE THESE FOR YOUR ADVANCE INFORMATION.
2. CROWN PRINCE HAS FURTHER ELABORATED HIS PAPER ON THE "DEMOGRAPHIC PICTURE" IN THE WEST BANK, JORDAN, AND ISRAEL. HE SEEMS TO BE DEEPLY INFLUENCED BY WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE.
3. HE BELIEVES THAT ISRAELIS ARE PURSUING A STRATEGY OF INFLUENCING THE MINORITIES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR BORDERS. THIS FORCES A FURTHER FRACTURING OF INTERNAL COHESION IN STATES WHICH ARE IN CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL. IT ALSO OFFERS THE U.S. SOME STRONG ALLIES IN THE REGION--ISRAEL, IRAN, AND EGYPT. SUCH ALLIES ARE BEING OFFERED AT THE EXPENSE OF STATES LIKE SYRIA, JORDAN, AND LEBANON. HE QUESTIONS

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WHETHER THIS ISRAELI POLICY ACCORDS WITH THE CONCEPT ARTICULATED BY DR BRZEZINSKI OF SEEKING CONCENTRIC AREAS OF STABILITY EMANATING FROM ZONES OF INFLUENCE THAT THE "STRONG" CAN CONTROL. HE CITES JORDAN AND LEBANON AS TWO STATES WHICH HAVE BEEN FRACTURED. HE SEES ISRAEL AS WISHING TO PROFIT FROM THE EXPLOITATION OF MINORITIES BY EXPANDING ITS SETTLE-

MENTS AND DRIVING PALESTINIANS OUT OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. IT ALSO HELPS ISRAEL TO AVOID COMING QUICKLY TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

4. HE ALSO SEES IT IRONIC THAT THIS ISRAELI POLICY FURTHERS RADICALISM AMONG PALESTINIANS IN THE AREA. HE NOTES THAT MANY WEST BANK ARABS OF MODERATE PERSUASION HAVE COMPLAINED TO HIM PERSONALLY THAT THEY ARE NOW BEING VICTIMIZED BY THE RADICALS OF THE RIGHT AND LEFT IN THE WEST BANK AND GIVEN NO PROTECTION BY THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE SOLELY AND NARROWLY CONCERNED WITH THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. THIS FURTHER LEADS TO ISRAEL'S DISINTEREST IN A REFERENDUM IN THE AREA.

5. HASSAN ADDS THE POINT THAT ISRAEL HAS EXPANDED THE JERUSALEM-ANNEXED ZONE TO INCLUDE ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF THE WEST BANK. HE ALSO MAKES A NOW PET POINT THAT IF ISRAEL SEEKS LINKS WITH SETTLEMENTS THEN THE ARABS NATURALLY SHOULD ALSO SEEK TERRITORIAL LINKS WITH ARAB VILLAGES WITHIN THE 67 LINES. HE ADMITS PERSONALLY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING ISRAELI "RELIGIOUS SETTLEMENTS" CREATED PRIOR TO 1948 TO EXIST ON THE BASIS OF THIS SORT OF RECIPROCITY. HE ARGUES AGAINST THE CREATION OF A COMMONWEALTH OR FEDERATION INCLUDING ISRAEL, JORDAN, AND THE
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WEST BANK NOW UNTIL THE ARABS CAN RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES. PRIVATELY AND MORE CONFIDENTIALLY HE SAYS THAT OVER A LONGER TIME SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE "SEMITIC ENTITIES NEIGHBORING ONE ANOTHER" (RATHER THAN A SECULAR DEMOCRATIC STATE IN PALESTINE) MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

6. FINALLY, HE SEES A LONG TERM DANGER TO THE OIL-RICH STATES IN THEIR INCREASING DEPENDENCE UPON FOREIGN LABOR SOME OF WHICH MIGHT WELL BE ALREADY RADICALIZED BY ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST PALESTINIANS. HE BELIEVES THAT THIS PROBLEM MIGHT BECOME MORE SERIOUS IN THE FUTURE. JORDAN CAN HELP TO CONTROL THIS. CROWN PRINCE'S PAPER CONCLUDED THAT CLOSER LOOKS IN A MORE DETAILED SENSE AT DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SHOULD GO AHEAD ON A REGIONAL BASIS TO CONSIDER THE SORTS OF PROBLEMS OUTLINED ABOVE.
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